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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY MAY 2025

100 club Drawn at the AGM: £100 64, Kevin Carter, £50 29 Phil Mason, £25 108 Phil Wild, £10 6 Stephen Clarke, £5 30 Julie Pocock

Guild AGM The Precentor, Canon Nick Brown presided over the Service in the ringers' chapel and the AGM meeting. Between these two events was a lovely lunch provided by the Southern branch. The Precentor thanked all Guild ringers for their ringing around the Diocese. The usual business of the AGM went swiftly with rule changes and accounts agreed without dissent. After many years, the post of Training and Recruitment Officer has been filled by David Braunton, Jonathan Clarke has agreed to once again be webmaster and Christine Higginson was appointed Safeguarding Advisor and will be carrying out a review of the Guild's policy. Reports of all the activities of the 125th anniversary year were described by the Master, Keith Butter, which had all been highly successful. The Northern Branch were declared the winners of the 125 firsts challenge – with 529 firsts recorded during the year. Their enthusiasm was applauded. All branches easily exceeded the 125 target. Stephen Clarke was thanked for his 8 years as BRF Administrator and was replaced by Charles Macrorie. A higher level of grants has been given out during the anniversary year than for many years and fundraisers for the BRF were commended. Chris Sharp was thanked for his very busy and productive stint as Guild Sec but unfortunately no-one has come forward yet to replace him.

News from the branches

Southern Branch: A peal in new method DCXCIX TP Minimus was rung at Kirkby Underwood. A new method was rung at Sproxton – Wallington Hall Delight. It was Tony Walker's 700th peal. A peal of 80th birthday Delight was rung at Sproxton with very best wishes to Alan Bird on this big birthday. It was Alan and Mike Maughan's 200th together. QPs were also rung at Alford and Willoughby to mark Alan's birthday. A QP of PB Royal at Grantham was in memory of Brian Buttery, longstanding ringer and vergier at St Wulfram's. It was the 1st of Royal as cond for Owen Peters. Brian's funeral is on 14/5 at 12.15. Ringing by invited bands but general ringing will take place on 17/5 at 1600 - 1800. A QP of PB Major was rung at Balderton and was a 1st major for Chris Rainthorpe and David Curtis.

West Lindsey Branch Congratulations to Licelle Parker on her 1st QP – treble to PBD at Stow. Another QP at Stow was 1st inside PBT for Chris Rainthorpe. It was a wedding compliment to Adam Sleight (former Upton ringer) and Jess Bradley. A QP of PBT at Epworth was a 1st on 8 for Hilary Spooner and was to mark the birth of Florence, granddaughter for local ringer David Cooper. Very well done to Alex Addy on his 1st peal – 4 minor methods at Belton. It was also a 1st on 6 bells for Clare Rogers.

Elloe Deaneries Branch: A QP at Gedney Hill of 17m/v doubles was most m/v for Jo Pearson and Robert Simpson. Another was rung there to celebrate the life of Pope Francis. A QP of Cambridge was rung at Whaplode in memory of Rosie Noon, daughter of the late Ron and Joy Noon of Spalding. It was a 1st TB for Ros Nickols. At Fulney, 2 QPs were rung in new methods – Good Friday TPM and St George's Day TP. A further one of Holbeach TP was a 200th together for Tony Walker and Robert Simpson.

Central Branch: Ringing took place before and after the Funeral at the Cathedral of Harold Gibson. Handbells also accompanied the cortege as it left the chapel. A QP of 4SSmajor methods was rung at Sleaford in Harold's memory and also Brian Buttery, both stalwart members of the Guild. A peal of 7m was rung at Ruskington and was the 1st on the refurbished bells. It was in memory of Richard Short who was instrumental in starting the refurb project. The 1st Sunday Service ringing by a local band for many years took place at Wragby at Easter. Well done to them and their teachers. Well done to Tristan Shaw on his 1st QP of Stedman at Hackthorn. Well done to Kate Grevatt on her 1st QP – treble to PBD at Navenby.

Eastern A QP was rung at Willoughby to remember Harold Gibson who learnt to ring at nearby West Keal. The Branch held a successful meeting at Horncastle and the three bell tower of Hemingby. The sun shone and the Hemingby local ringers gave a very warm welcome to the Branch and friends. It was the first time many had rung at Hemingby and there were delicious refreshments to enjoy. Thanks to all involved in making it such lovely afternoon.

Northern Branch The 1st peal on the newly augmented and rededicated bells of Marshchapel was rung – Cambridge Minor. It was the 400th tower pealed by Chris Turner.

University Society: A QP of 1296 PBMinimus was a 1st in hand for David Curtis and longest performance for the Society. The society held an outing to London at the end of March and their annual dinner at the end of April at the Lincoln Hotel. They rang a QP at St Peter at Gowts in anticipation of the dinner and to congratulate Nate Flint and Thomas Gaskins on their graduations.

May	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
3	Eastern	Hereford Area		Branch outing. See website	
4	Young Ringers	Potterhanworth	6	YR practice + cake	1400 - 1600
5	West Lindsey	Retford area		Branch outing	10 onwards
6	Midweek ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee, ringing	1030 - 1200
10	Central	Brant Broughton	6		1900 - 2030
10	West Lindsey	Open Churches	6,8,6	Messingham, Kirton L, Scotter	10, 1130, 2
11	West Lindsey	Open churches	6,6	Upton, Willingham	1200, 1330
12	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
17	Northern	Market Rasen	8	To coincide with Open Churches	1030 - 1230
27	Midweek ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee ringing	1030 - 1200
31	Southern	Ancaster Beltone	6	Ringing BBQ (£10) + Beltone Tickets SOLD out, To go on the returned ticket list Sylvia.bird860@gmail.com	1600 - 1700 1730

